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LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LELAP) UPDATE AND NEWS

LELAP OUTREACH — LELAP plans to give an updated Accreditation 101 class to the regulated laboratories in the new year. The dates of the classes will be announced later. LELAP received excellent feedback for its initial Accreditation 101 class from the participating laboratories. Any suggestions to improve the class is welcome.

LELAP REGULATIONS CHANGES— LELAP has proposed changes to the Louisiana Administrative Code for laboratory accreditation to incorporate the 2009 TNI standard and a few other minor changes for clarification. An email was sent to the in-state regulated laboratories for comments. If you have any comments, please submit to LELAP by July 31, 2011.

LELAP REGULATIONS WORK GROUP— An email was sent to invite the in-state regulated laboratories and interested stakeholders in June, 2011 to participate in a Regulations Work Group to discuss potential changes to the regulations. If you are interested in participating in the workgroup, please contact Lourdes Iturralde at (225)219-3241, email lourdes.iturralde@la.gov or Chris Mayeux at (225)219-0789, email chris.mayeux@la.gov

LELAP INTREPRETATION (NEW)— LELAP has published regulatory clarifications/interpretations from different organizations such as EPA, Standard Methods and other regulatory agencies on the LELAP webpage at [LELAP Interpretations](#). If you have any questions regarding any of these interpretations, please contact LELAP.

DMR-QA PARTIAL PARTICIPATION WAIVER REQUEST — LDEQ has requested EPA Region 6 to grant a partial participation waiver for the DMR-QA to permittees who use accredited laboratories. More information on [request for partial waiver](#) can be obtained from LELAP website.

OTHER NEWS— The primary ABs in the TNI program will promulgate the 2009 TNI standards differently, particularly Oregon, Pennsylvania and New York. If your laboratory does business outside of the state of Louisiana you may want to contact the other State ABs in regards to their incorporation of the 2009 TNI standard into their state regulations.

CLARIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION ISSUES

INTERIM ACCREDITATION — Interim accreditations may be granted if a laboratory completes all of the requirements for accreditation except for the an on-site assessment .

SCOPE AMENDMENT PROCEDURE — When adding methods/analytes in your scope of accreditation your laboratory should amend the electronic application and mail the required documents with an application fee of \$660 to LELAP. If the amendment is submitted at the same time as the triennial renewal application, there is only one fee of \$660 for both the amendment and renewal.

PLEASE CONTACT THE LELAP STAFF IF YOUR LABORATORY NEEDS ANY ASSISTANCE. [CLICK HERE](#) TO OBTAIN THE LELAP CONTACT INFORMATION

We solicit your questions, comments, problems, and/or recommendations for this newsletter. Please send them to LabAccreditationProgram@la.gov or call 225-219-3247.



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